

A pink-haired anime girl with blue headphones and a green eye. She is wearing a pink hoodie and green pants. The background is white with musical notes and a treble clef.

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*The second angel...*

*...separated the day and the night...*

*...creating time.*

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**The Day the  
Demon was Born**





EEE EEE EEE EEE!

All  
EEE



thud

WHAT...?

WHAT?!

WHAT  
...

...HAPPENED...

...HERE?!

glare

?!





SS  
H  
AA  
A



SN  
KX

DID YOU  
THINK YOU  
COULD  
KILL  
ME THAT  
EASILY...?!

?!  
Spl  
Spl.



Splsh

SPLT  
R

Slash



I'M  
GOING  
TO GET  
KILLED  
MYSE-



SWISH



AHHH...

...I  
CAN'T  
MOVE A  
FINGER  
TO STOP  
HIM.



I'M GOING TO  
BECOME...

...A  
KNIGHT...  
AND  
BE ONE OF  
GOD'S  
PROTEC-  
TORS!



GROW  
POWER-  
FUL?

EVEN  
NOW...



I  
HAVE  
TO  
RUN!



WHAT SHOULD  
I DO?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?





stab

stab

stab

stab

stab  
stab

stab

stab

stab  
stab

stab

slump...

roll



IT HURTS...

d-dmp  
d-dmp

DON'T  
LEAVE ME!

WHERE  
ARE YOU?!

MOTHER...

HELP ME,  
FATHER...

THIS  
PAIN...

Stab

...DISAPPEARING  
IN FRONT OF  
MY EYES...

SEEMS LIKE  
EVERYTHING...  
IS FALLING  
APART...

Stab

WHAT'S  
THAT  
SOUND?  
LIKE  
SOME-  
THING  
SHATTER-  
ING...

Stab

WHAT  
IS IT?

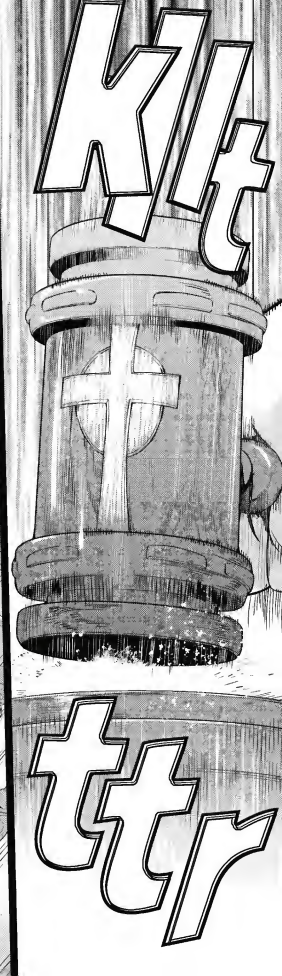
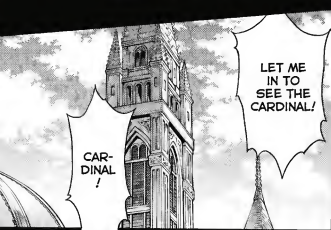
blink

Shlup













**IT'S  
NOT  
TRUE  
!!**

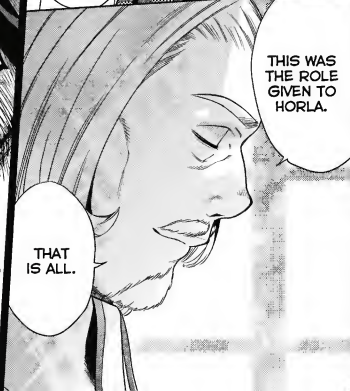
BE  
STRONG.

DON'T  
BE SAD,  
AWYN.



THE  
PATHS  
WE  
TAKE...

...HAVE  
BEEN  
DESTINED  
BY GOD  
SINCE  
ANCIENT  
TIMES.



THIS WAS  
THE ROLE  
GIVEN TO  
HORLA.

THAT  
IS ALL.





IF HE SAYS ANYTHING UNTOWARD, GIVE THE ORDER AND BRING THE SWORD DOWN IMMEDIATELY.

RRRAAAA HH HH!

ANY LAST WORDS?

fwa  
Pa



MRMR  
MRMR

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A SERIAL KILLER IN OUR ORDER OF THE ANTI-KNIGHTS.

ALL THIS TIME HE MANAGED TO DECEIVE US.



YAA  
HH



YAAA  
HH

HE MURDERED CIVILIANS... EVEN HIS OWN COMRADES ...

HE'S A DEMON !

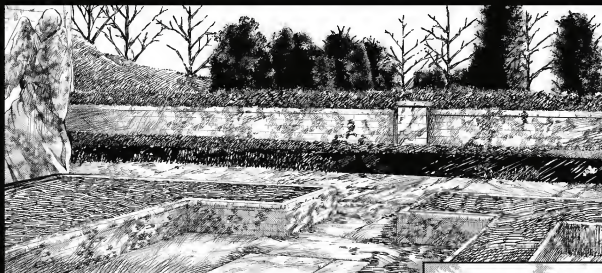
DE-MON ...

AAHH

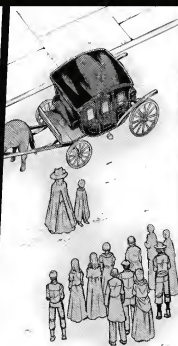


BE  
STRONG...

...AWYN.



EVERYONE  
WHO HAS  
REMAINED  
HERE  
BELIEVES  
IN THE  
MASTER!







AND YOU  
MUST  
NEVER  
STAND UP  
FOR US  
IN THIS  
TOWN.

IF THE  
TOWNS-  
PEOPLE  
CALL US  
DEMONS...

...THEN  
YOU TOO  
MUST  
RAISE  
YOUR  
VOICES...

...IN  
ASSENT  
AND  
CALL US  
DEMONS.



THAT  
WON'T BE  
NECESS-  
SARY.

AS OF  
TODAY,  
YOU ARE  
ALL DIS-  
MISSED.



THAT  
WILL  
COMPRSE  
YOUR  
LAST  
WAGES.

SELL MY  
JEWELRY AND  
CLOTHES.  
DIVIDE  
UP THE  
PROCEEDS  
EQUALLY  
AMONGST  
YOUR-  
SELVES.



LET'S GO,  
MOTHER.



DON'T  
WORRY,  
I'LL  
PROTECT  
YOU!



709  
A.N.

...CONCLUDED  
WHEN ONE  
OF THE  
CAPTAINS OF  
THE ORDER,  
HORLA  
GLADIOLUS,  
WAS  
DISCOVERED  
TO BE THE  
KILLER.

Ha!

DEMON!

trot trot trot

THE  
SADOCK  
RIPPER  
INCIDENT  
WHICH  
HAD LONG  
TERRORIZED  
THE  
CITIZENRY...

THESE  
RUMORS AND  
THEORIES  
WILL CAST A  
SHADOW ON  
THE NAME  
HORLA FOR  
GENERATIONS  
TO COME...

...THEORIES  
THAT THE  
CHIVALRIC  
ORDER HAD  
ATTEMPTED  
TO OVER-  
THROW THE  
NATION, AND  
THAT IT WAS...

...A CON-  
SPIRACY  
OF THE CHURCH.

THE SHOCKING  
NEWS OF  
ANTI-KNIGHT  
BRUTALITY, OF  
THE MURDER  
OF SO MANY  
OF THE  
COUNTRY'S  
CITIZENS,  
LEFT MANY  
MYSTERIES  
UNEXPLAINED,  
WHICH LED  
TO...

...RUMORS  
OF  
MULTIPLE  
PERPE-  
TRATORS  
AND...

trot  
trot trot

AWYN!

AWYN!

WE'LL  
MEET  
AGAIN,  
WON'T  
WE?!

THAT'S  
A  
PROM-  
ISE!

FOR  
GENER-  
ATIONS  
HE  
WILL...

...FOR A  
HUNDRED  
...A  
THOU-  
SAND...  
YEARS...

AWYN!







GO  
AWAY!

PLEASE...



PLEASE  
HIRE  
ME!



IS  
THAT...?

REALLY  
...?

TURNED  
DOWN  
AGAIN...



...THE  
RUMORS  
ABOUT US  
SPREAD  
QUICKLY...

FOR SOME  
REASON...

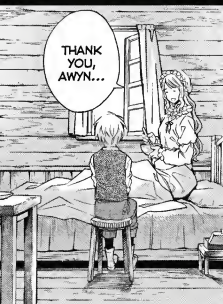
WHAT  
IS THAT  
DEMON'S  
CHILD  
DOING  
IN OUR  
VILLAGE?



THAT'S  
RIGHT!

DID YOU  
HEAR THE  
NEWS ABOUT  
ALL THOSE  
PEOPLE  
GETTING  
MURDERED  
IN THE  
CAPITAL?





THANK  
YOU,  
AWYN...



HERE,  
MOTHER!  
EAT UP!

I HOPE  
IT'S  
GOOD...



MOTHER  
GOT  
SICKER  
WHILE  
I WAS  
UNCON-  
SCIOUS.

IT MUST  
BE FROM  
THE  
GRIEF.



HA  
HA  
HA  
HA.

FOUND  
HER!

You're  
not a  
mon-  
key!

MOTHER!

Hmph!

MI-  
LADY!

THE  
MISTRESS  
HAS AB-  
SCONDED  
FROM HER  
SICKROOM  
AGAIN!

EVEN  
THOUGH  
SHE'S  
BEEN  
ILL FOR  
A LONG  
TIME, SHE  
ALWAYS  
KEEPS HER  
SPIRITS  
UP...

If only  
she  
wasn't  
so  
agile...



...I HAVE  
TO REST  
TO RE-  
COVER...

I  
KNOW...



I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
GET ANY  
BETTER  
CONFINED  
TO MY BED  
ALL THE  
TIME, AM  
I?

HMPH!



...I WOULD  
RATHER FEEL  
THE BREEZE  
ON MY SKIN IN  
THE GARDEN  
THAN STAY  
COOPED UP IN  
MY ROOM ALL  
THE TIME.

...BUT...



dig  
dig  
dig

...COULD  
YOU DO  
ME A  
FAVOR?



AWYN...



I HAVE  
TO EARN  
MONEY!



MEDICINE IS  
EXPENSIVE.

VERY  
EXPENSIVE.



BUT NOW...

...I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
HAS TO  
PROTECT  
MOTHER.



IT'S ONLY  
NOW THAT I  
REALIZE...

...WHAT A  
COMFORT-  
ABLE LIFE WE  
LED SO FAR  
THANKS TO  
FATHER.



Don't  
come  
near  
me!

I...

THE  
CHURCH  
IS  
RAISING  
OUR  
TAXES  
AGAIN.

IF THIS  
CONTINUES  
WE'LL HAVE  
NOTHING  
LEFT TO  
EAT.

IT'S  
THE  
DEMON'S  
HOUSE!

GET OUT  
OF OUR  
VILLAGE!

I HAVE  
TO...



huf

YES SIR!

I'M SORRY!  
I'M SORRY!

huf

SIX MONTHS LATER...

WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?!

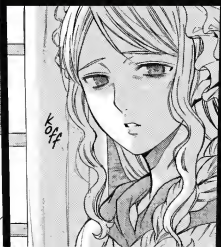
I AGREED TO HIRE YOU, SO MAKE IT WORTH MY WHILE!



I'M FINE.  
YOU SHOULD EAT MORE YOURSELF, AWYN.



smile



koff



MOTHER!

EAT UP AND GET BETTER!





DON'T  
SAY THAT,  
MOTHER!

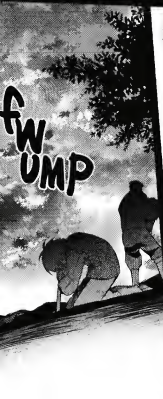
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
STARVE AT  
THIS RATE,  
AWYN.

AND I  
DON'T  
NEED  
THIS  
MEDICINE  
ANYMORE.



I'LL  
PROVE TO  
FATHER  
WHAT A HARD  
WORKER  
I AM!

I'M  
FINE!



FWUMP



Pant+

stagger too

Pant+



dig



WHY DID  
ALL OF  
THIS  
HAPPEN...?

koff



WHY DOES  
MOTHER  
SUFFER SO  
MUCH...?



WHY DID  
FATHER  
DIE...?

gasp



WHAT  
HAVE WE  
DONE TO  
DESERVE  
THIS...

...GOD?



I WANT TO  
ATTEND THE  
ACADEMY  
WITH MY  
FRIENDS  
AGAIN.



I WANT TO  
TALK WITH  
ISAAC ABOUT  
OUR FUTURES  
SOME MORE.



I WANT  
TO GO  
HOME!



I EVEN MISS  
THE DAYS  
WHEN I  
FOUGHT  
WITH  
ARTHUR  
AND HIS  
GANG.



DON'T  
CRY  
...



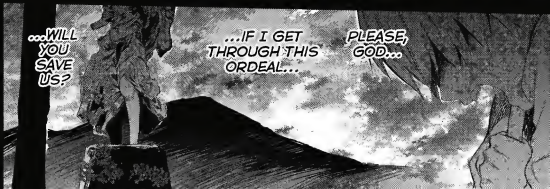
DON'T  
CRY,  
AWYN  
...

I WANT  
TO GO  
HOME...

...TO  
WHERE  
WE  
CAME  
FROM.

...PRO-  
TECT  
MOTH-  
ER.

BUT I  
HAVE  
TO...



...WILL  
YOU  
SAVE  
US?

...IF I GET  
THROUGH THIS  
ORDEAL...

PLEASE,  
GOD...



YOU REALLY  
DO EXIST...

...DON'T  
YOU?

GOD...?



I'LL BE  
GOOD, I  
PROMISE...

SO  
PLEASE...

Shup

huf

I...

I...

est







I WISH HE  
WOULD JUST  
GO OFF AND  
DIE.



THE  
MEDI-  
CINE...



PLEASE!

WHY...?

I  
PROM-  
ISE I'LL  
PAY YOU  
LATER!



PLEASE  
SELL  
ME THE  
MEDI-  
CINE-



WHO'S  
THAT  
DIRTY  
BRAT?

HIS  
MOTHER  
IS ILL.

DON'T  
GET  
CLOSE TO  
HIM. YOU  
MIGHT  
CATCH  
SOME-  
THING.

WHY...

YOU'RE  
BLOCK-  
ING MY  
BUSI-  
NESS!  
BEAT IT,  
BRAT!



WHERE  
ARE  
YOU?





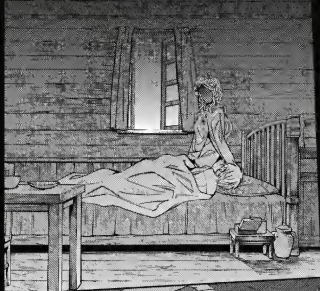
...YOU  
HAVEN'T  
SPARED  
ME ANY  
SUFFER-  
ING.



NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
PIOUSLY  
I LIVE...









BUT...

...ANGELS  
ARE  
ALWAYS  
BESIDE  
YOU TOO...



YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GIVE IN...



YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GIVE IN...



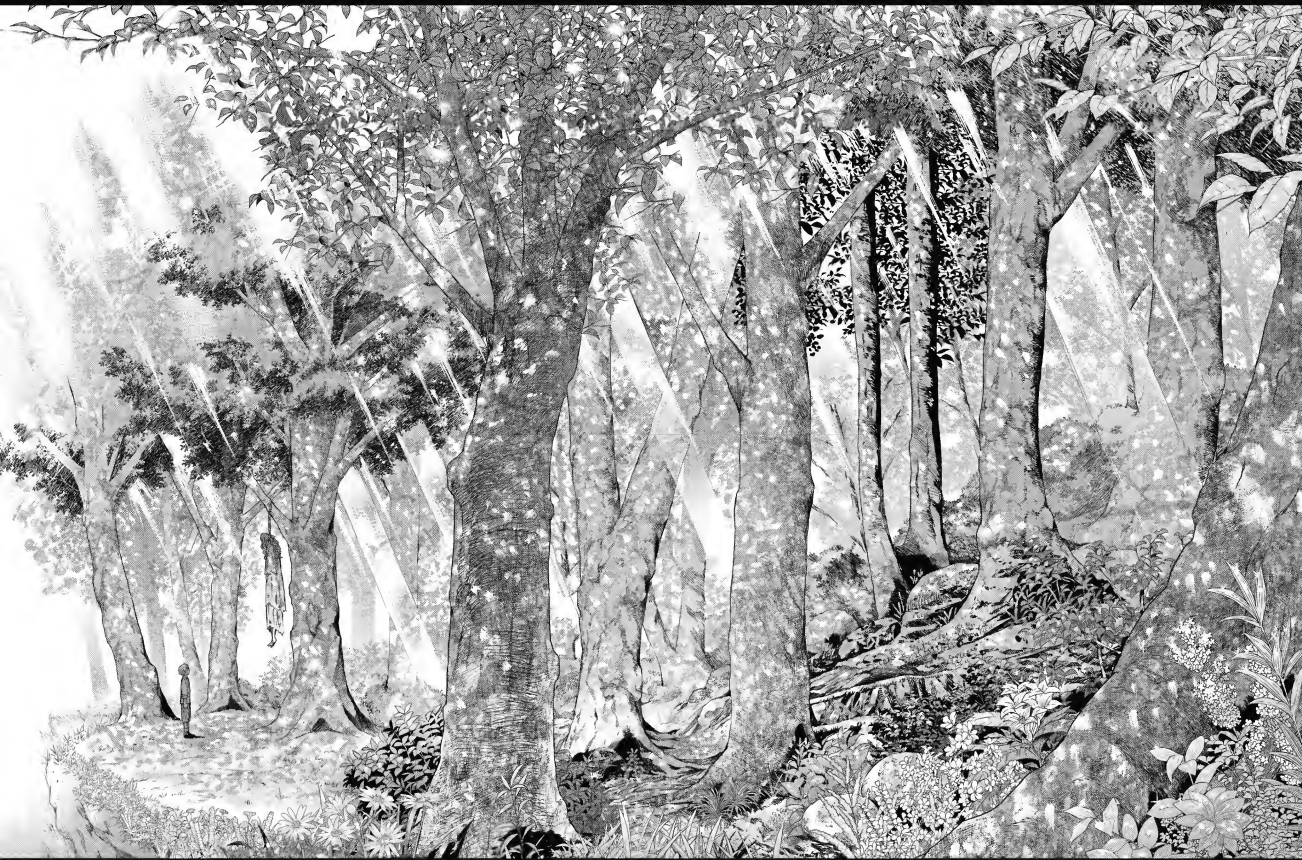
YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GIVE IN...

YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GIVE IN...











fshh

kaw

kaw

hh



MOTHER  
...?



swmg

swmg

swmg



AWYN, COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

IF...

...BY SOME  
CHANCE...

...I WERE TO DIE...  
I WANT YOU  
TO ABANDON ME  
SOMEWHERE  
IN THE FOREST.  
SOMEWHERE  
WITH A NICE  
VIEW WHERE  
NO ONE WILL  
FIND ME!

DON'T BURY ME  
UNDER THE GROUND.

I WANT TO SLEEP UNDER THE  
SKY, IN THE DAPPLED LIGHT  
OF THE SUNSHINE PIERCING  
THROUGH LEAVES.



THEN I'LL  
BECOME A  
BIRD AND  
SOAR HIGH  
UP INTO  
THE SKY...

...AND  
BECOME  
A FLOWER  
BENEATH  
THE  
TREES.

AND  
THEN,  
AWYN...





AR...

SHIT

TTR

GHI

AA

...I CAN  
BLOOM  
IN YOUR  
GARDEN.

RR

FUMP

stab

IT HURTS.

WHAT  
IS THIS  
PAIN?

WHAT IS THIS  
BOLT OF  
LIGHTNING  
SHOOTING  
ACROSS MY  
FOREHEAD?

AA

ÄH!  
HH!

**RMMB  
M**

**IT'S...  
RAGE!**

**IT'S MY  
WRATH...**

**B  
B  
L**

**...AGAINST  
THOSE WHO  
TOOK MY  
WORLD AND  
EVERYONE I  
CARE ABOUT  
FROM ME!**

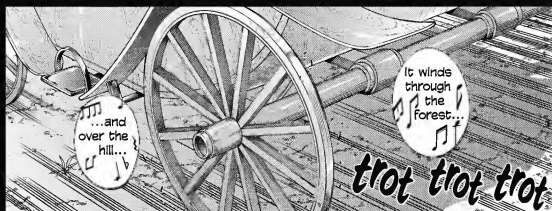


**AND  
NOW...**

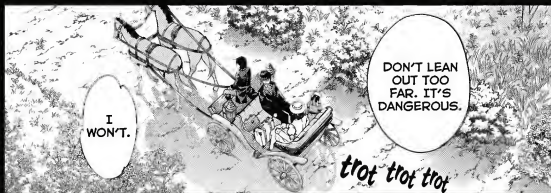
**IT'S  
TIME  
FOR  
REVENGE**

**!!**

root.14







I  
WON'T.

DON'T LEAN  
OUT TOO  
FAR. IT'S  
DANGEROUS.

*trot trot trot*



HA!

WE'VE  
ARRIVED,  
MARIPHEL!



*skiff*



I HAVEN'T  
BEEN HERE  
FOR SOME  
TIME. I'D  
FORGOTTEN  
HOW LOVELY  
THIS TOWN  
IS.

ARE YOU  
HERE ON  
HOLIDAY?



*Whinny*

I'VE  
BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR AN  
INN TO  
SPEND  
THE  
NIGHT AT.  
IS THERE  
ONE  
NEARBY?

OF  
COURSE.  
I'LL  
SHOW  
YOU THE  
WAY.



TWO  
CHIL-  
DREN...

LET'S GO.  
IT'S TIME  
FOR AN  
ADVENTURE!

*TMP  
TMP*

YAY!





OR  
ELSE  
...

...YOU  
WON'T  
REACH  
YOUR  
DESTINATION  
IN  
GOOD  
HEALTH  
!!



DROP  
YOUR  
BAGS  
AND RUN  
AWAY!!



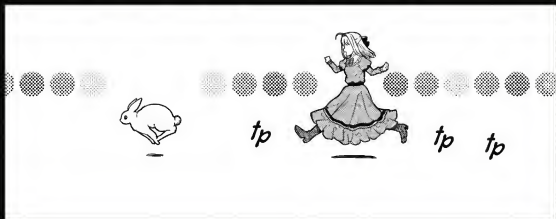
I'M  
HERE TO  
EXORCISE  
YOU!



I'VE  
BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR  
YOU...

...  
DEMON'S  
CHILD.









BEG  
YOUR GOD  
TO SAVE  
YOU!



PRAY  
TO YOUR  
PRECIOUS  
GOD  
NOW, WHY  
DON'T  
YOU?

B-  
but  
...

W-  
wait  
...  
My  
jaw  
...



HEY...

...  
YOU'RE  
NOT  
SO  
PURE  
YOUR-  
SELF.



LOST  
...?

Chapter 14

The Time

We Spent Together



SHE'S  
SUCH A  
TOMBOY.  
YOU HAVE NO  
IDEA WHAT  
A TROUBLE-  
MAKER SHE  
CAN BE.

SHE'S  
ALWAYS  
WANDERING  
OFF THE  
MOMENT  
I TAKE MY  
EYES OFF  
HER!



SHE'S  
EIGHT  
YEARS  
OLD. ON  
THE SMALL  
SIDE.  
BLONDE  
HAIR.

UH-  
HUH.  
WE CAME  
HERE TO  
SIGHTSEE,  
BUT MY  
DAUGH-  
TER...



YES.

A CHILD?

ISN'T THERE ANYONE WORTH ROBBING AROUND HERE ...?!

RUMOR HAS IT HE'S THE SON OF AN INFAMOUS SERIAL KILLER, SO THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE CALL HIM THE DEMON'S CHILD.

THIS TOWN IS A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR TRAVELERS. A LOT OF STRANGERS PASS THROUGH ON THEIR WAY TO THE CAPITAL. THAT PROVIDES HIM WITH A LOT OF LUCRATIVE TARGETS.

HE'S BEEN RAIDING OUR TOWN FOR SOME TIME NOW.

HE COMMITS HIGHWAY ROBBERY ON TRAVELERS AND MERCHANTS.

HMM... AND YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE HIM?

HEY...

DID YOU HEAR THAT?!

RICH MEN LIKE YOU ARE A GREAT TEMPTATION TO THAT BOY, SO YOU HAD BETTER STAY PUT.

I'LL SPREAD THE NEWS AROUND TOWN FOR EVERYONE TO KEEP A LOOK OUT. HOPEFULLY WE'LL FIND HER SOON.

I'M SORRY...

HE'S NO ORDINARY CHILD. HE'S VERY STRONG.

AND AGILE AND QUICK AS A MONKEY. HE'S DEFEATED ALL THE LOCAL TOUGHS.

grin

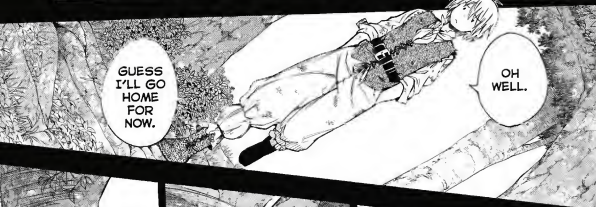




JUST A  
BOY...

Ho  
ho  
ho  
ho!

IS HE  
REALLY  
THAT  
POWER-  
FUL?



GUESS  
I'LL GO  
HOME  
FOR  
NOW.

OH  
WELL.



WHAT  
THE-?



!



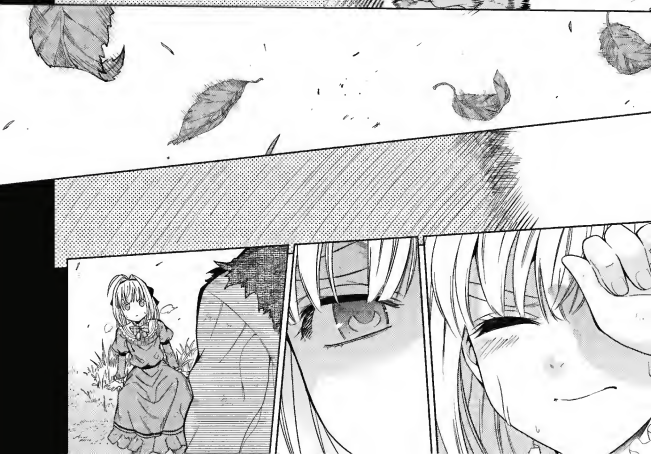
JMP

JMP

JMP

Eeeeeek!







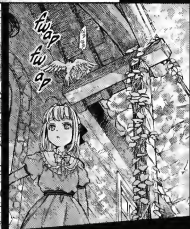
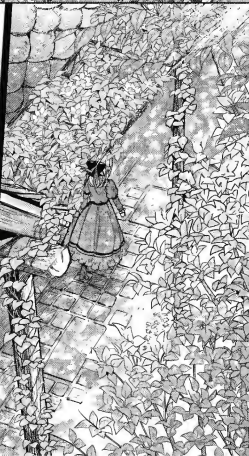


















DON'T  
TOUCH THE  
FLOWERS  
IN MY GAR-  
DEN!



I-I'M  
SORRY.



OH!



OF  
COURSE.

...I  
DON'T  
HAVE  
ANY  
FAMILY.

ALL BY  
YOUR-  
SELF?!

WHO  
ELSE?

DID YOU  
GROW  
THIS  
GARDEN?



...



WOW!

YOUR  
GARDEN...

...IS SO  
BEAU-  
TIFUL!



SIGHT-  
SEE-  
ING  
...?

SO  
THAT'S  
WHY...

I CAME TO  
THIS TOWN ON  
A SIGHT-  
SEEING  
TRIP!



MY  
NAME IS  
MARI-  
PHIEL!

WHAT'S  
YOUR  
NAME?

WHY  
ISN'T  
SHE...

...AFRAID  
OF ME?



...

OOOH,  
SCARY!



A WILD  
BEAST  
KNOWN  
AS THE  
DEMON'S  
CHILD LIVES  
ON THIS  
MOUNTAIN...

WELL  
YOUR  
LUCK  
HAS  
GONE  
BAD.



HUH?!

AND  
I'M THAT  
DEMON'S  
CHILD!!

Will you  
take  
the hint  
already  
?!



...AND HE  
LIKES TO  
SNEAK  
DOWN INTO  
THE TOWN  
TO DO BAD  
THINGS!



WH ...

WHAT ...?



THERE CAN'T BE AN EVIL BEAST UP HERE—NOT WITH SOMEONE WHO TAKES SUCH GOOD CARE OF PRETTY FLOWERS!

PEOPLE MUST BE MISTAKEN THEN.



DON'T EXPECT TO GET OUT OF HERE UNTIL THE DEAL IS COMPLETED!

I ONLY RESCUED YOU SO I COULD USE YOU AS A HOSTAGE TO EXTORT A RANSOM FROM YOUR PARENTS!

I AM TOTALLY A BAD GUY!



HUH...?

A princess in captivity!

WOW! I'M LIKE A PRINCESS IN A FAIRY TALE!



WHA-A-AT ?!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE PART, SO PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH ME.

I'm a hostage ...?

Oh...

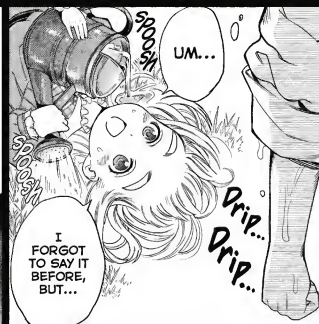


I CAN'T LEAVE ...?

Ta-daah







**Krash**

I JUST  
WANT  
YOUR  
FOOD.

I'M  
NOT  
INTER-  
ESTED  
IN YOUR  
LIFE.

QUORISM  
TEACHES  
YOU TO  
LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR,  
DOESN'T IT?

p-  
p...  
PLEASE  
SPARE  
MY  
LIFE!

EEK!

**flump**

Lucky  
me.  
That  
one was  
a push-  
over.  
♪

**DEMON!**

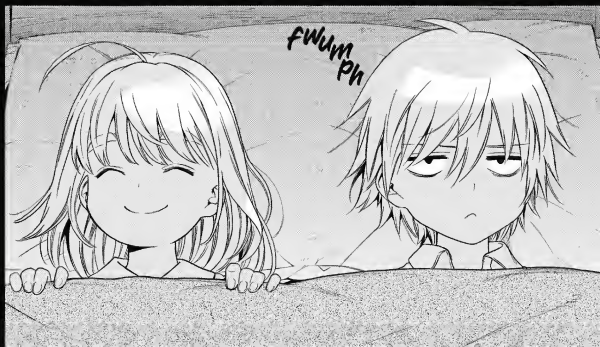
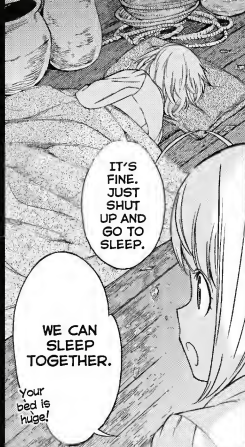
♪  
♪  
♪

SO  
YOU'VE  
GOTTA  
LOVE ME  
TOO.

**Krunch**







...BUT  
HE'S SO  
TONE  
DEAF IT  
ALWAYS  
KEEPS  
ME WIDE  
AWAKE!

MY FATHER  
SINGS ME  
A LULLABY  
AT BED-  
TIME TO  
MAKE ME  
SLEEPY...

MAY I  
TELL YOU  
ABOUT THE  
DREAM I  
HAD YES-  
TERDAY?

SHE  
SURE IS  
MAKING  
HER-  
SELF AT  
HOME.

NO.

DO YOU  
WANT TO  
PLAY A  
WORD  
GAME?

SHUT  
UP AND  
GO TO  
SLEEP.

FATHER  
...

...

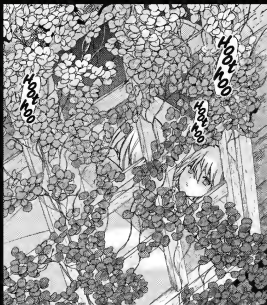
WELL,  
GOOD  
NIGHT  
THEN...

S N I F F L E

FEELS SO  
STRANGE...

...TO  
HAVE  
SOME-  
ONE...

...LYING  
BESIDE  
ME...





WHY DO  
YOU ONLY  
BRAID  
A FEW  
STRANDS  
OF YOUR  
HAIR?

MOTHER?

MOTHER...

IT'S...

THIS  
BRAID...?

WHEN  
WAS  
THE  
LAST  
TIME...

The  
sun's  
up!

...I SLEPT  
THIS  
SOUNDLY?

FEELS  
LIKE...

...I SLEPT  
FOREVER.

...A  
GOOD-LUCK  
CHARM.



DAMN IT!

SHE ESCA-



HUH ?!



OH!  
GOOD  
MORN-  
ING!



I  
WENT  
OUT  
TO PICK  
BERRIES  
AND  
MUSH-  
ROOMS...

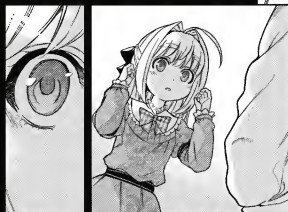
UM...

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DO-  
ING?!

...TO  
MAKE UP  
FOR ALL  
THE  
TROUBLE  
I'VE  
CAUSED  
YOU.













ADDUCI.

MALAVÉ.

THAMEL.



IT'S MY  
PERSONAL  
CASTLE NOW.  
EVEN THE  
TOWNSPEOPLE  
DON'T KNOW  
ABOUT IT.

THIS  
ABANDONED  
HUT WAS  
USED BY A  
FORESTER  
ONCE.



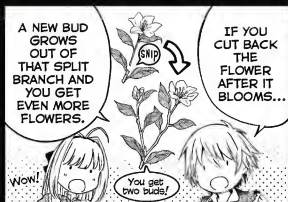
I GATHERED  
SEEDLINGS  
FROM ALL OVER  
THE MOUNTAIN  
TO CREATE  
THIS  
GARDEN.



AND  
THAT  
ONE?

SELBY.





WHY DO I  
FEEL SO...  
GOOD?



rmb

rmb l r m m b l

THIS IS  
CRAZY!

r m  
b l

r m  
b l

r m  
b l  
r m  
b l

r s t l l  
r s t l  
r s t l

K R  
S H  
K S  
H

k r s h

k r s h

SMASH

swssh

TH K

TH K TH K TH K

krash

krash krash

smash

tup

tup tup



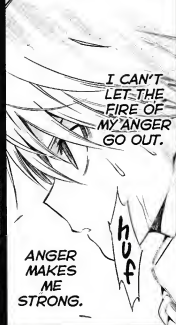
THAT'S  
WHY I  
WAS  
WEAK.

THAT'S  
WHY I  
LOST  
EVERY-  
THING.



I  
USED  
TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT...

...THE PAIN  
I WOULD  
CAUSE IF  
I HIT  
SOMEONE  
WITH ALL  
MY MIGHT.



I CAN'T  
LET THE  
FIRE OF  
MY ANGER  
GO OUT.

ANGER  
MAKES  
ME  
STRONG.



THE  
CHURCH  
THAT  
STOLE MY  
MEAGER  
EARNINGS...

THE  
CARDINAL  
WHO  
IGNORED  
MY  
PLEAS...

THE  
APOTH-  
ECARY WHO  
WOULDN'T  
GIVE ME MY  
MOTHER'S  
MEDICINE...

THAT  
JUDGE WHO  
SENTENCED  
MY INNOCENT  
FATHER TO  
DEATH...

THE  
TOWNS-  
PEOPLE WHO  
CELEBRATED  
MY FATHER'S  
EXECUTION...

THAT  
SERIAL  
KILLER TOOK  
EVERYTHING  
MY FAMILY  
HAD FROM  
US...

I HAVE TO BE STRONGER!



JUST  
YOU  
WAIT!

I'M  
GOING TO  
RETURN  
AND KILL  
YOU ALL  
ONE DAY!



ST

AB







HE  
WON'T  
COME TO  
YOUR AID,  
NO MAT-  
TER HOW  
HARD YOU  
PRAY.



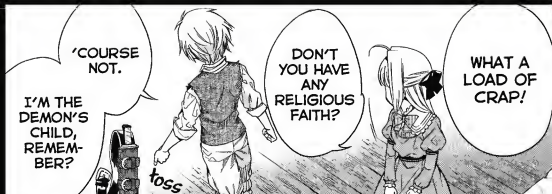
I WAS  
GIVING  
THANKS  
FOR ALL  
MY NEW EX-  
PERIENCES  
TODAY.



I'M  
JUST  
DOING  
MY EARLY  
EVENING  
PRAYER.



THERE  
IS NO  
GOD.



'COURSE  
NOT.

I'M THE  
DEMON'S  
CHILD,  
REMEM-  
BER?

toss

DON'T  
YOU HAVE  
ANY  
RELIGIOUS  
FAITH?

WHAT A  
LOAD OF  
CRAP!



I  
KNOW.

MY  
MEETING  
YOU...

...MUST  
BE  
GOD'S  
WILL  
TOO...



HA!

YOU JUST  
MET ME  
YESTERDAY.  
WHAT DO  
YOU KNOW?



YOU'RE  
NO DEMON,  
MR. GAR-  
DENER.



HUH  
...?

DO YOU  
KNOW...

...THE  
BIBLE  
STORY  
ABOUT  
THE FIRST  
DEMON?

GOD...

...IS A  
JERK.

THE  
ANGEL FELL  
INTO THE  
DEPTHS OF  
AN ABYSS  
AND BECAME  
A DEMON.

...AND THE  
OTHER  
ANGELS  
BANISHED  
THE ANGEL  
FROM  
THEIR  
WORLD.

GOD WAS  
ENRAGED  
AND TORE  
THE WINGS  
OFF THE  
ANGEL...

BUT GOD  
CONSIDERS  
PEOPLE HIS  
POSSES-  
SIONS.

ONE OF  
THE ANGELS  
WISHED  
FOR THE  
LIBERATION  
OF  
HUMANITY.

THAT  
PEOPLE BE  
FREED FROM  
THE CONTROL  
OF GOD AND  
BE ALLOWED TO  
CHOOSE THEIR  
OWN FATE.

THE ONLY  
ONE WHO  
TRULY  
CARES  
ABOUT  
PEOPLE  
ISN'T GOD  
OR THE  
ANGELS.

IT'S THE  
DEMON  
WHOSE  
WINGS  
WERE TORN  
OFF.

IT WAS  
ABANDONED  
BY BOTH ITS  
MASTER  
AND ITS  
FRIENDS.

NO  
WONDER  
IT FELL  
INTO  
DESPAIR.



Well...  
...THE BIBLE IS JUST A BUNCH OF MADE-UP STORIES ANYWAY, SO WHAT DO I CARE.

slump  
TO GOD, HUMANS ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM LIVESTOCK.



HY  
I OWE MY LIFE TO...

...YOU, MR. GARDENER... TO OUR CHANCE ENCOUNTER...

...AS WELL AS ALL THE PEOPLE I'M CLOSE TO WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BY MY SIDE.

I'D WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE...

EVEN IF...

...FOR MY GOOD FORTUNE.

...I'D WANT TO PRAY TO SOMETHING.

...GOD WERE ONLY IMAGINARY...



FS SH HHH  
...I WOULD PROBABLY BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD BY-

WITHOUT THEM...





**KRA KKI**

WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?!

**rīstī  
rīstī  
rīstī**

WH...

**HY y y y U U U U  
r-r mmb/ r-r mbb**

I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN A  
STORM  
LIKE THIS  
BEFORE!

**U U U U**

MR.  
GAR-  
DENER  
...?!

MY  
GAR-  
DEN!

THE  
WIND  
IS SO  
POWER-  
FUL!

THE  
GARDEN  
...

Tell  
everyone  
near the  
mountain  
to eva-  
cuate!

The  
river is  
about  
to over-  
flow its  
banks!

**FFAA SSSS SSSS HHH**





MY...



S  
WAY  
SW  
AY

KR  
KA  
BO  
OM

OO  
OO  
OO

KRE

KK

AA

FS  
SS  
SS  
HH  
HH

WB  
FOG

OO  
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SH

KRAK  
KREK

KR  
EK  
KREK  
KRAK

KRAK  
KREK  
KRAK  
KREK

Spl  
sh  
Plip

FW  
OOO



KRAK SP  
MY...  
WORLD!

MY  
GARDEN!



AHHH!

NOT  
AGAIN...





OH...

THE GARDEN...

NEVER MIND ABOUT THAT!

IT'S THIS SHACK WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT!

MR. GARDENER!

S/ a a m



DO WHAT?!

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

NO...



I DON'T CARE ANYWAY.

I ONLY BUILT THE GARDEN TO KILL TIME.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT LOSING ANYTHING ANYMORE.

fwump

IT'S A STORM. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE WEATHER.

I'VE NEVER SEEN RAIN POUR DOWN IN TORRENTS LIKE THIS BEFORE. SO I NEVER THOUGHT TO TAKE ANY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST IT.

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.



MAY I USE  
THIS BED  
SHEET...?

tug



...?

WHY  
DO YOU  
CARE SO  
MUCH  
ABOUT  
SAVING  
MY GAR-  
DEN?



WE COULD  
PROTECT  
SOME OF YOUR  
GARDEN IF WE  
ATTACH A ROPE  
TO THIS SHEET  
AND USE IT AS A  
WIND BREAK!



...BUT I'M  
SURE WE  
CAN DO IT  
IF WE WORK  
TOGETHER!

I DON'T  
THINK I CAN  
MANAGE  
IT ALL BY  
MYSELF  
THOUGH...

drag  
drag

A small character with long hair and a headband is in a garden, looking down at something in their hands.

...YOU LOOK  
TRULY HAPPY  
IS WHEN  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT YOUR  
GARDEN!

A close-up of a character's head and shoulders, looking down.

BECAUSE  
THE ONLY  
TIME...

A character with long hair and a large bow is looking up with a surprised expression, holding a piece of fabric.

YOU  
HAVE  
TO  
TAKE  
CARE  
OF...

...THE  
THINGS  
YOU  
LOVE.

AWYN...

A close-up of a large, detailed eye.

YOU MUSTN'T  
GIVE UP.





# RRUMBL





root.15 The Meaning of the Braid





THEY'RE  
HELPING TO  
REINFORCE  
THE RIVER-  
BANK...  
AND  
THEY'RE  
SO FAST!



BRING  
MORE  
SAND-  
BAGS!

WHAT  
ARE  
THOSE  
TWO...?

WHOA...



MAYBE  
IT'S TIME  
WE  
FETCHED  
HER.



THE BOY  
IN QUES-  
TION IS  
WITH  
HER.

HOW IS  
MARIPHEL?



I'M STILL  
A BIT WOR-  
RIED ABOUT  
THEM OUT  
THERE IN  
THIS TOR-  
RENTAL  
RAIN.

THAT'S  
GOOD TO  
HEAR.





GOD  
DOESN'T  
EXIST.



...



AN AIR  
CURRENT  
RAN UP  
AGAINST THE  
MOUNTAIN  
AND  
CREATED A  
HUGE CLOUD,  
THAT'S ALL.

IS GOD  
ANGRY  
ABOUT  
SOME-  
THING...?



DON'T  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
PEOPLE!







HA HA!  
YOURS TOO, MR. GARDENER!



PFFT.

YOUR FACE!



hуuuuuu



AND THE  
TREE WE  
TIED THE  
ROPE TO  
SNAPPED  
IN TWO.

THE  
SHEET  
GOT  
BLOWN  
AWAY.



IT  
WAS  
ALL IN  
VAIN.



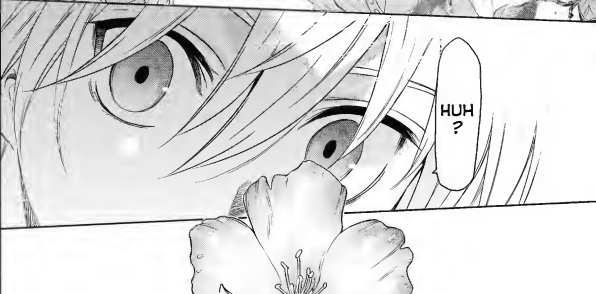
JUST  
HAVING  
SOMEONE  
BESIDE ME  
TO SHARE  
MY GRIEF...

...IS  
COMFORTING  
SOMEHOW...





OH!



LOOK!

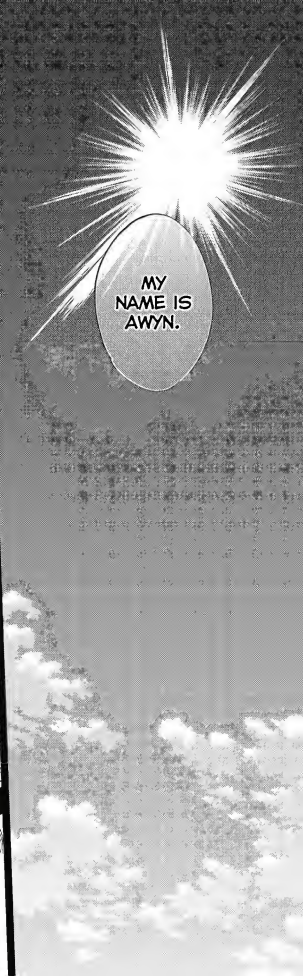
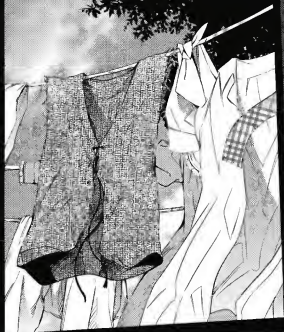


HUH?

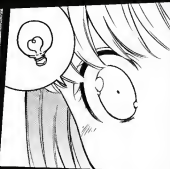


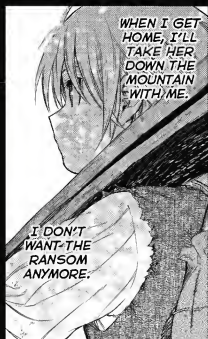






MY  
NAME IS  
AWYN.









IT'S  
TIME  
TO SAY  
FARE-  
WELL...



MARIE...



MARIE  
...?



I'M  
GOING TO  
FIX THINGS.  
COULD YOU  
GIVE ME A  
HAND?





WHO ARE  
THOSE  
PEOPLE?



**Zip**



I THINK  
HE'LL  
WORK  
OUT  
JUST  
FINE.

He's  
got good  
reflexes.  
He looks  
promis-  
ing.

Physi-  
cally  
maybe,  
but...



...WON'T  
IT BE A  
CHALLENGE  
TO MAKE  
GOOD USE  
OF HIM?  
I'm  
against  
it.

WELL?  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
THINK  
...?

HMM...  
I AGREE  
HE SEEMS  
QUITE  
TALENTED,  
BUT...

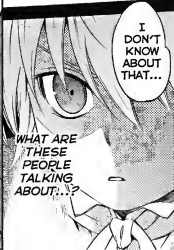
I DIDN'T  
NOTICE  
THEM  
STAND-  
ING RIGHT  
BEHIND  
ME UNTIL  
JUST THIS  
SECOND!



OH!  
AWYN!



BESIDES,  
I LIKE  
HIS  
EYES.



I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
THAT...

WHAT ARE  
THESE  
PEOPLE  
TALKING  
ABOUT...?







YOUNG  
MAN...

MAY I  
HAVE A  
WORD...?

SHE  
MUST  
HAVE  
BEEN  
TROUBLE-  
SOME  
FOR YOU  
TOO.

SHE'S A  
HANDFUL.  
ALWAYS  
WANDERING  
OFF THE  
MOMENT  
YOU TAKE  
YOUR EYES  
OFF OF HER.

I'VE  
HEARD  
YOU  
TOOK  
GOOD  
CARE OF  
MILADY.



WHAT'S  
SHE  
GETTING  
AT...?

*Splitch*

The  
landscape  
is beautiful  
and the  
towns-  
people  
are so  
friendly.

They  
searched  
hard for  
Milady.

Ah, what  
a lovely  
tourist  
district  
this is...

HA  
HA!

I'LL  
GIVE  
THAT  
SOME  
SERIOUS  
CON-  
SIDER-  
ATION.

YOU  
SHOULD  
TIE A  
COLLAR  
WITH A  
BELL  
AROUND  
HER  
NECK.





HASN'T  
SHE HEARD  
OF ME...?

OR IS  
SHE JUST  
OBLIVIOUS...?

The  
towns-  
people tell  
me that  
thunderstorms  
of that magni-  
tude are very  
rare here.



Such a  
play that  
so many  
blossoms  
were felled  
to the  
ground by  
the storm.

SHE'S  
SO...  
UNGUARD-  
ED!



AND I KNOW  
THIS PLACE  
LIKE THE  
BACK OF MY  
HAND.

BUT I  
DON'T  
SENSE  
ANYONE  
ELSE'S  
PRESENCE  
NEARBY...

...THERE  
COULD BE A  
MOB IN HIDING  
SOMEWHERE  
JUST WAITING  
FOR THE PER-  
FECT MOMENT  
TO CAPTURE  
ME!

IF THEY'VE  
DISCOVERED  
MY HIDEOUT...



D-  
D-  
M P

YOUNG  
MAN!



MILADY  
MARIE HAS  
TAKEN A  
STRONG  
INTEREST  
IN YOU,  
YOU SEE...

SO  
IF YOU  
DON'T MIND  
LEAVING  
THIS  
REGION...

...WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO COME  
WORK FOR  
US?

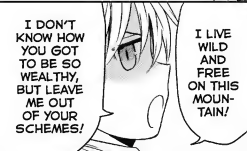
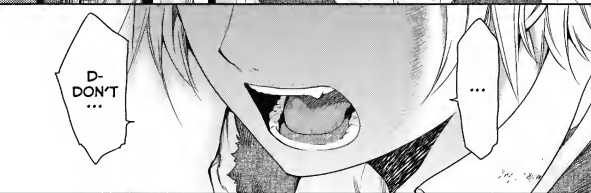
WHAT  
THE--?!

AWYN,  
WAS  
IT?

When did  
she get  
behind  
me...?

WHY  
CAN'T I  
SENSE  
HER  
MOVE-  
MENTS?!

d-  
d-  
m P  
d-  
d-  
m P





...OR  
NOT...

WHETHER YOU  
COME WITH  
ME...



I  
HAVEN'T  
GOTTEN TO  
THE MAIN  
POINT  
YET.



IS  
THAT  
IT?

May  
I go  
now?



...DESERVES  
TO BE  
TAUGHT A  
LESSON  
HE'LL NEVER  
FORGET!

...A BEAST  
WHOSE BAD  
BEHAVIOR  
HAS BEEN  
CAUSING SO  
MANY PEOPLE  
SO MUCH  
TROUBLE...

BR  
RR



TA-

TMP



Ketch





ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
REPORT  
ME TO THE  
TOWNS-  
PEOPLE  
AND SET  
THEM ON MY  
TRAIL?

RS  
SS  
STL



I'LL  
PUNISH YOU  
MYSELF.

EH?

THAT  
WOULD  
BE A  
WASTE OF  
TIME.



It's  
me~

ME!  
ME!

...PUN-  
ISH  
WHO  
ME?!  
?!



SO  
YOU DO  
KNOW  
WHO I  
AM.

PUN-  
ISH  
ME?  
A  
FANCY  
LADY  
LIKE  
YOU?

HA!

THIS  
IS HOW  
I CAN  
REPAY  
THEM.

THE  
LOCALS  
HAVE  
BEEN  
VERY  
HELPFUL.

WHAT  
A  
JO...

RMB

RMB

RMB

RMB

PROMISE  
YOU WILL  
NEVER STEAL  
ANYTHING  
FROM ANY-  
ONE EVER  
AGAIN!

WH-WHO  
DOES...

I  
WILL  
NE-  
VER  
...

...A  
P O L O G I Z E !

...SHE  
THINK  
SHE  
IS?

...THE  
HEAVENS  
FOR ALL THE  
TROUBLE  
YOU'VE  
CAUSED!

AND  
A P O L -  
O G I Z E  
T O ...

OF  
COURSE,  
IF YOU  
SOMEHOW  
MANAGE  
TO DEFEAT  
ME, I  
WON'T  
JUDGE  
YOU FOR  
HOW  
YOU  
DECIDE  
TO LIVE  
THE REST  
OF YOUR  
LIFE.

THE  
LOSER  
AGREES  
TO ONE  
REQUEST  
FROM THE  
WINNER.

A  
SIMPLE  
GAMBLE,  
RIGHT?

I'LL  
BATTLE  
YOU  
RIGHT  
HERE  
AND  
NOW..

NO?  
WELL HOW  
ABOUT  
THIS  
THEN?



YOU'RE  
THE  
DEMON'S  
CHILD,  
RIGHT?

I  
KNOW,  
I  
KNOW.

BUT  
YOU'RE NO  
DEMON.



KRTCH

YOU  
THINK I'M  
JUST A  
REGULAR  
KID...

...BUT IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'VE FAILED  
TO LEARN  
THE MOST  
IMPORTANT  
THING ABOUT  
ME FROM THE  
TOWNS-  
PEOPLE.



AND  
STUPID  
LITTLE BRATS  
NEED TO BE  
PUNISHED BY  
MOMMY!

YOU'RE  
JUST A  
STUPID  
LITTLE  
BRAT.



SW  
SH

SHUT UP!  
DROP  
DEAD!

















...HER  
MOVES...

I  
COULDN'T  
TRACK...

klang klang klang  
SPLUT  
YEEEEAAH!  
WHOOO!

THE  
WINNER  
!!



WAAAAHHH!!

Spank spank spank  
Spank

BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY  
BAD BOY!

spank

spank

Spank Spank Spankk

spank

spank spank spank

spank

spank spank spank

BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY  
BAD BOY BAD BOY

...HOW  
THE  
WORLD  
HAS  
TREATED  
YOU THUS  
FAR.

I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
...

...SO I  
CAN SEE  
THAT YOUR  
NATURE  
IS FUNDA-  
MENTALLY  
COMPAS-  
SIONATE.

BUT I'VE  
BEEN  
AROUND  
FOR A  
RELATIVE-  
LY LONG  
TIME...

Pheew!

FS  
SSSSS

twitch

twitch

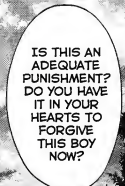
twitch



THOSE OF  
YOU WHO  
THIS BOY'S  
MISCHIEF  
HAS  
HARMED...



...  
RY...



IS THIS AN  
ADEQUATE  
PUNISHMENT?  
DO YOU HAVE  
IT IN YOUR  
HEARTS TO  
FORGIVE  
THIS BOY  
NOW?



...  
RRY  
...

I'M...  
SOR-  
RY...



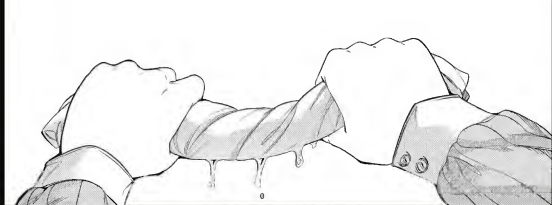
HUH?



OOPS?  
  
DID I  
OVERDO  
IT?

TW  
TCH  
TW  
TCH  
TCH

TW  
TCH  
...



I FEEL HOT...



SO HOT...



FATHER...

MOTHER...



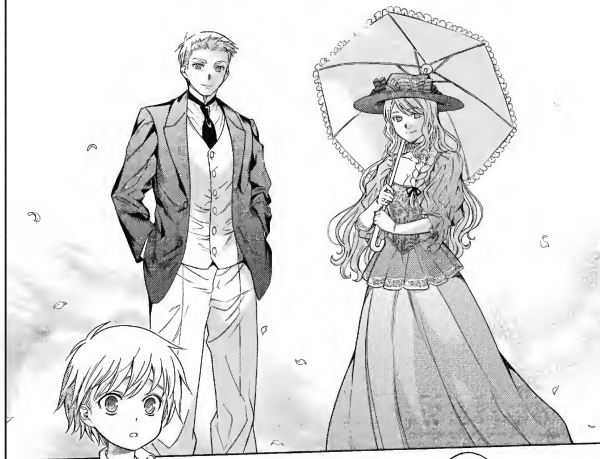
MY BODY'S  
BURNING  
UP.

WAIT!



SHAA





FATHER...

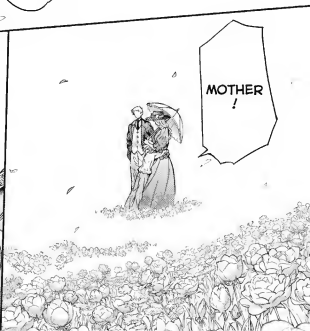
MOTHER  
...



PLEASE!

TAKE  
ME  
WITH  
YOU!

I DON'T  
WANT  
TO BE  
ALONE  
ANY-  
MORE!



MOTHER  
!



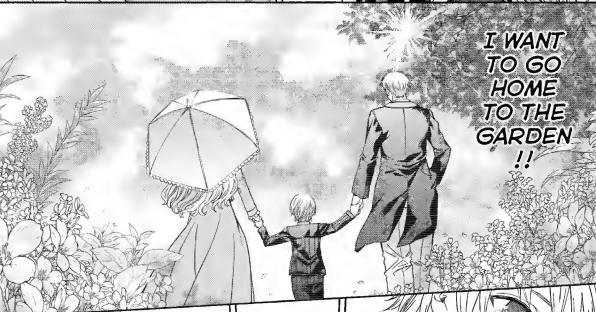
I  
WANT  
TO  
GO  
HOME  
...



I'M  
LONE-  
LY.

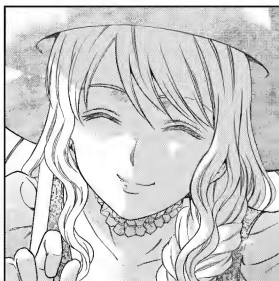
AND  
I'VE  
DONE  
A LOT  
OF BAD  
THINGS  
...

SO  
LONE-  
LY.

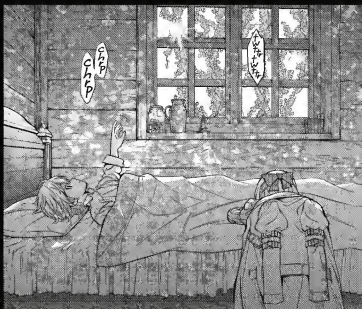


I  
WANT  
TO  
GO  
HOME  
TO THE  
GARDEN  
!!





WAIT  
FOR...



ARE  
YOU  
AWAKE  
...?







SORRY.  
GUESS  
I GOT  
CARRIED  
AWAY.

You  
had me  
worried  
for a  
bit!

Y-  
YOU!!

How  
dare  
you!

Tee  
hee.



YOU'VE  
BEEN  
ASLEEP  
FOR THREE  
DAYS.



...SHE  
WAS BY  
YOUR  
SIDE  
WATCH-  
ING OVER  
YOU.



EVERY  
TIME YOU  
TOSSED  
OR  
TURNED  
...

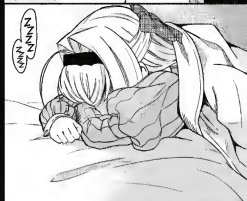


SHE'S THE  
HEIRESS  
OF A  
WEALTHY  
FAMILY,  
ISN'T SHE?

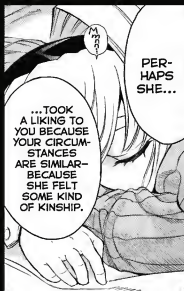
WHY  
WOULD  
SHE  
BOTHR  
WITH THE  
LIKES OF  
ME?



WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
HER?



ZZZZ  
ZZZZ  
ZZZZ



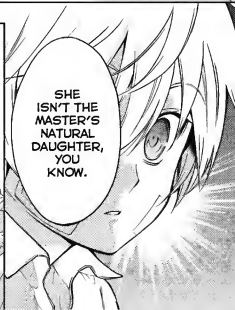
See-

PER-  
HAPS  
SHE...

...TOOK  
A LIKING TO  
YOU BECAUSE  
YOUR CIRCUM-  
STANCES  
ARE SIMILAR-  
BECAUSE  
SHE FELT  
SOME KIND  
OF KINSHIP.



HER  
PARENTS  
ABANDONED  
HER IN A  
CHURCH.  
SHE WAS ON  
THE BRINK  
OF DEATH  
WHEN THE  
MASTER  
FOUND  
HER.



SHE  
ISN'T THE  
MASTER'S  
NATURAL  
DAUGHTER,  
YOU  
KNOW.

OH, BUT  
THAT WAS  
BEFORE  
I MADE A  
REQUEST  
OF YOU.

HUH?

WHAT  
?!

BUT I  
ALREADY  
APOLO-  
GIZED!

shu  
p

NOW  
THEN...



I  
DEFEATED  
YOU IN  
BATTLE,  
SO YOU  
MUST GRANT  
ME ONE  
REQUEST.





FROM  
TODAY  
ON  
YOU'LL  
BE...

...AWYN  
GARDNER!



THAT'S  
RIGHT!



GARDNER...  
GARDENER?



...A  
GOOD-  
LUCK  
CHARM.

IT'S...



ARE YOU  
AWAKE?

ARE  
YOU  
STILL  
SICK?

OH,  
AWYN!



HMM  
...  
HMM...

THE  
CHARM  
HELPS  
YOU,  
YOUR  
FATHER  
AND I...



I'M  
FINE.

NO.

...TAKE  
CARE  
OF EACH  
OTHER...



I'M  
SO  
GLAD!



...FOR-  
EVER.



MAYBE I  
KNEW ALL  
ALONG...

...THAT  
FATHER AND  
MOTHER...

...WOULD  
NEVER  
WANT ME  
TO...

...LIVE A LIFE  
OF VENGEANCE.

IS  
THAT ALL  
YOU'RE  
TAKING  
WITH YOU?

Ha  
ha

HUMPH.  
I CAN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
WHY YOU  
WOULD  
WANT...

...TO  
BRING A  
MOUN-  
TAIN APE  
LIKE ME  
HOME  
WITH YOU.

What  
are you  
think-  
ing?

YEAH.



I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
PATH I'LL  
TAKE  
IN THE  
END...

BUT  
I'M  
GOING  
TO  
TRY...

...TO  
LIVE FOR  
SOMEONE  
ELSE ONE  
LAST  
TIME.

FATHER...

MOTHER...



YOU  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
STAYED  
ALONE.

YOU'RE  
SUCH AN  
IDIOT.



ONE  
LAST  
TIME...



W-WHAT  
THE...?





OVER  
HERE.



WHAT A  
PITY...

I  
EXPECTED  
TO CONSUME  
YOU ENTIRELY  
ONE DAY.

...

AND IF IT  
WEREN'T  
FOR THIS  
INTERFER-  
ENCE...

OH  
WELL.

I'LL  
ALWAYS  
BE BY  
YOUR  
SIDE.

AT  
TIMES,  
IT'S  
GRIEF.

OR  
HATE.

AN-  
GUISH.

TER-  
ROR.



DO YOU  
KNOW MY  
NAME?

ARRO-  
GANCE.

ENVY.

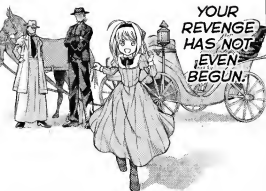
WRATH.

SLOTH.

AVA-  
RICE.

GLUT-  
TONY  
AND  
LUST.



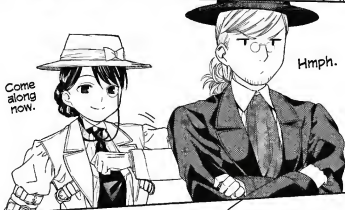


YOUR  
REVENGE  
HAS NOT  
EVEN  
BEGUN.



AND  
I...

...AM  
YOU.



Come  
along  
now.

Hmph.

YOU'LL NEVER  
BE ABLE TO  
GIVE UP YOUR  
DESIRE FOR  
VENGEANCE.



WE'LL  
ALWAYS...

...ALWAYS...

...BE  
TOGETHER...

Bonus Manga  
FthGARDEN

Chapter 6:  
The Night Of the Storm



HY  
YO  
OO  
OO  
OO  
OO





The Miniature  
root. 16 Garden of Tomorrow





*The first man  
created by God  
Iola (Karnecié)*



YOU  
USED  
TO BE  
CHOOSIER!

YOU'VE  
BEEN ACTING  
STRANGE  
EVER SINCE  
YOU PICKED  
UP MARI-  
PHIEL.

Whop  
Whop

AT THE  
MOMENT,  
I'M  
ASHRIEL.

NO!  
HE'S  
HOPELESS!

ARE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
AWYN?

HE'S A  
DIAMOND IN  
THE ROUGH.  
I'M SURE  
OF IT.

MASTER  
KARNECIE  
...?

*The first woman  
created by God  
Liz (Ashriel)*

THAT BOY  
IS NOT  
SUITED  
FOR  
WARFARE.

IF I LOOK  
DEEP INTO  
THEIR EYES,  
I CAN SEE  
THEIR SOUL.

FROM  
THE  
TRULY  
RIGHTEOUS  
TO LOWLIFE  
ROGUES.

I'VE MET  
A LOT OF  
PEOPLE  
OVER  
THESE  
LONG YEARS.

I'm as  
old as  
you, re-  
member  
?!

I  
KNOW.

THEN...  
WHY?!

HE'S FUNDA-  
MENTALLY  
UNSUITED  
FOR  
KILLING.

...HIS  
HEART  
WILL  
NEVER  
COM-  
PLETELY  
FREEZE  
OVER.

NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
HIGH HIS  
PHYSICAL  
POTENTIAL  
MIGHT  
BE...



LIZ!  
ARE  
YOU...?

grin  
DON'T SAY  
I DIDN'T  
WARN YOU,  
I TOLD  
YOU WHAT  
HAPPENS  
WHEN AUNTIE  
GETS  
ANGRY....!



WE  
DON'T  
NEED A  
MIGHTY  
KNIGHT  
...

...TO  
SAVE  
THIS  
WORLD.



WHEN  
THE BATTLE  
OVER GOD  
BEGINS  
BETWEEN  
THOSE  
TWO...

...THIS  
WORLD  
WILL  
BE TORN  
ASUNDER...

...NO  
MATTER  
WHO  
WINS.



MARIA  
WILL BE  
BACK  
SOON.



...WHEN  
HIS RIGHT  
CHEEK  
HAS BEEN  
SMITED.

WE NEED A  
STUPID SOFTY  
WHO'S WILLING  
TO OFFER HIS  
LEFT CHEEK...



TRAINING  
...?



NO.

THAT'S  
FINE  
BY ME.

ANY  
OBJEC-  
TIONS  
...?

THAT'S  
RIGHT.

IN  
ADDITION  
TO YOUR  
JOB AS THE  
MANOR'S  
GARDENER,  
YOU WILL  
BE THE  
PROTECTOR  
OF THIS  
VILLAGE.



**FIGHT!**

COME ON!  
ONE MORE TIME!

fwap  
fwap

Argh!

**Krash**



YOU ...



**Pitch**







Oh yeah! AAAAAA AARGH!

THE  
VICTOR!

Close  
though.

smch smch smch smch smch

TAKE  
THIS!  
ONE  
HUNDRED  
KISSES!

flap flap flap flap flap flap

AAAAAAAAAAH!

AAAAIIIEEEEE  
AAAAIIIEEEEE  
AAAAIIIEEEEE  
AAAAIIIEEEEE

Kritch

Kritch

NOW WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO TO YOU  
TODAY,  
HRRM...?

Kritch

EE E EEEK!

SMCH SMCH SMCH  
SMCH SMCH SMCH  
SMCH SMCH SMCH  
SMCH SMCH SMCH  
SMCH SMCH SMCH  
SMCH SMCH SMCH  
SMCH SMCH SMCH

Phew

Smirk

flump







Oh ho ho ho ho  
If you don't like it, you'll have  
to get stronger to defeat me  
next time.

I'LL QUIT  
TRAINING  
WITH HER  
FOR A  
WHILE AND  
DO SOME  
TRAINING  
ON MY  
OWN!

DAMN IT!  
SHE'S  
TOYING  
WITH ME!

THAT WAY,  
NEXT TIME,  
I'LL BEAT  
HER FOR  
SURE...



YOU  
STILL  
WANT  
TO  
FIGHT?

HUH?





SIX  
YEARS  
HAVE  
PASSED  
SINCE  
THAT  
DAY...

NO...

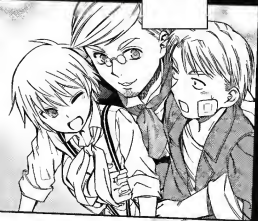


A NEW  
HOME...

MY  
WORLD  
HAS  
EXPAND-  
ED...



...I'VE  
HAD SO  
MANY NEW  
EXPERI-  
ENCES...



...SO  
THAT NEW  
BUDS CAN  
GROW  
OUT OF  
THE CUT  
END...



I'M JUST  
LIKE THE  
FLOWER ON  
A SHRUB  
THAT'S  
BEEN  
PRUNED...



...AND  
BLOOM  
MORE  
ABUNDANTLY  
NEXT  
SEASON.



thump

GYURGH!





*Sorry! Sorry!*



HEH  
HEH  
HEH...







...ALWAYS  
BESIDE  
YOU.

DEMONS  
ARE...



BUT I  
DON'T  
THINK...

MOTHER  
GREW  
UP IN...

...BRAITH-  
IN THIS  
COUNTRY.

... SHE  
BELIEVED  
IN ANGELS  
OR  
DEMONS.



THE  
WORDS  
MY  
MOTHER  
USED TO  
SAY TO  
ME!...



...SHE  
WAS  
FATED  
TO DIE  
SOON.

...SHE WAS  
ALWAYS  
TALKING  
ABOUT...

MAYBE  
SHE ONLY  
STARTED  
TO BELIEVE  
IN THE  
DEMONS...

...AFTER SHE  
REALIZED...



I DIDN'T  
GROW UP  
TO BE A  
KNIGHT  
AND  
PROTECT  
OUR  
NATION.



BUT I  
THINK I'LL  
PROTECT  
THIS  
MINIATURE  
GARDEN.



FATHER  
...!



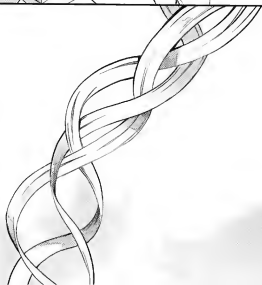
IT'S SO TINY...

...COMPARED TO...

...OUR NATION...

...I THINK  
I CAN  
KEEP MY  
OTHER  
SELF AT  
BAY.

BUT AS  
LONG AS  
I'M NOT  
ALONE...





FLICK



AWYN.

YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GIVE IN.





YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GIVE IN...

... SOMEONE  
ELSE IN  
DANGER OF  
GIVING IN TO  
A DEMON...

AND  
IF...

... YOU MUST  
GO TO THEIR  
SIDE AND  
PROTECT  
THEM.

... YOU  
SEE...



THIS  
VILLAGE  
WE CRE-  
ATED...

... THOSE  
SO-CALLED  
WITCH HUNTS  
TO PRUNE  
"UNWANTED  
BRANCHES"  
ARE GETTING  
CLOSER  
TO OUR  
REGION...

IOLA WAS  
OUT DOING  
RECON-  
NAISSANCE,  
ACCORDING  
TO HER...

I NEVER  
IMAGINED  
THEY'D  
TRAVERSE  
THE  
ENTIRETY  
OF THE  
MAP...

... ISN'T  
VISIBLE  
ON  
THEIR  
MAP.



THE  
WORLD WILL  
CONTINUE TO  
REVOLVE...

LET  
US  
PRAY...

A close-up of a woman with short, light-colored hair wearing an ornate crown. She has a serious expression. The background shows the intricate architecture of a cathedral.

...FOR  
PEACE  
IN OUR  
WORLD.

A wide-angle view of a church interior. A choir of people in white robes stands in a line on the right. Pews filled with people are on the left. In the center, there is a small altar with a table and chairs. The floor is made of large square tiles.

...WHETH-  
ER THE  
GNOMES  
LIKE IT  
OR NOT...

TO OUR  
FATHER  
WHO  
PROTECTS  
US.

A person with long, dark, wavy hair is shown from the back, wearing a long, flowing robe with a fringed hem. They are looking down.

AND FOR  
THE ANGELS  
WHO GUIDE  
US.



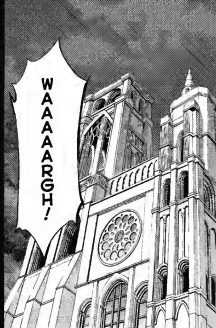
I WANT  
TO RETURN  
TO THE CAPITAL!

WAHHHHHH

W-  
WHY?!

WHY AM  
I BEING  
TREATED  
LIKE THIS?!

...IN  
THIS  
DIREC-  
TION  
AND...



WAAAAARGH!



EI  
ZA  
...!

AH,



HOW  
DARE  
YOU!

LET  
GO  
OF  
ME!

EI  
ZA  
...!

EI  
ZA!

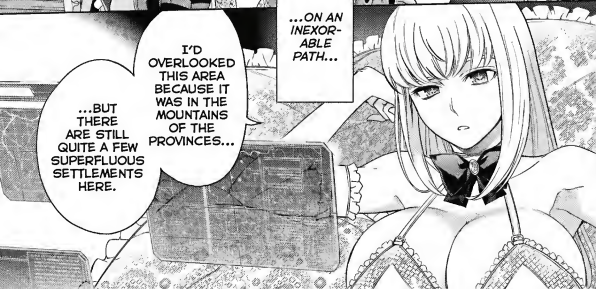


WHAT  
FUN!

AH  
HA  
HA...  
B

Slay  
the  
de-  
mon!

...ON AN  
INEXOR-  
ABLE  
PATH...



I'D  
OVERLOOKED  
THIS AREA  
BECAUSE IT  
WAS IN THE  
MOUNTAINS  
OF THE  
PROVINCES...

...BUT  
THERE  
ARE STILL  
QUITE A FEW  
SUPERFLUOUS  
SETTLEMENTS  
HERE.



...JUST  
TO  
FULFILL  
THE  
WISH...

VUL IS  
GOING  
TO BE  
MAD AT  
ME...

...IF I  
DON'T  
SHAPE IT  
PROPERLY.  
♡

...OF  
ONE  
MAN.



THE  
DEMON OF  
KARNA?!



GET RID  
OF THAT  
WILD  
BEAST.

RIGHT.







AWYN!





...GARDENER.







I MUST  
HAVE  
FALLEN  
ASLEEP  
AT  
WORK...



...ON  
THE DAY  
WE MET  
FOR THE  
FIRST  
TIME.

...MEMORY.  
I CAUGHT  
A GLIMPSE  
OF IT AS I  
SCANNED  
HIM...



FROM THE  
GARDENER'S...



THAT  
DREAM  
I JUST  
HAD...



...WAS  
TAKEN  
FROM  
HIM...

THIS IS  
WHERE HE  
FINALLY  
FOUND  
SOME  
COMFORT...

...AFTER HIS  
FAMILY...



HEY!  
MARIA!

WHAT  
...?

...ARE  
YOU  
GOING  
TO STAY  
AT THE  
MANOR?

HOW  
LONG...

...THAT'S  
ALL I  
CAME  
HERE TO  
SAY.

WELL...

IF YOU  
TRY TO  
WIPE OUT  
KARNA  
AGAIN...

...I WILL  
CRUSH  
YOU.

MINATAMA  
GARDEN?

THIS  
PLACE

WILL  
BE  
DESTROYED

ALL  
THE  
PEOPLE  
HERE

WILL  
BE  
KILLED

AND  
THE  
PLACE  
WILL  
BE  
DESTROYED

AND  
THE  
PEOPLE  
HERE  
WILL  
BE  
KILLED

AND  
THE  
PLACE  
WILL  
BE  
DESTROYED

AND  
THE  
PEOPLE  
HERE  
WILL  
BE  
KILLED

IT  
SOUNDED  
LIKE YOU  
WERE  
TRYING TO  
PROTECT  
THIS  
PLACE.

THAT  
ANNOUNCE-  
MENT YOU  
MADE TO  
THEM?

WHAT  
WAS  
THAT  
ALL  
ABOUT  
YES-  
TER-  
DAY?

I WILL  
DESTROY  
YOUR  
MANOR.



...WAS FOR  
IOLA AND LIZ  
TO GATHER  
SKILLED  
GNOMES  
WHILE I WAS  
AWAY.

THE  
ORIGINAL  
PLAN...

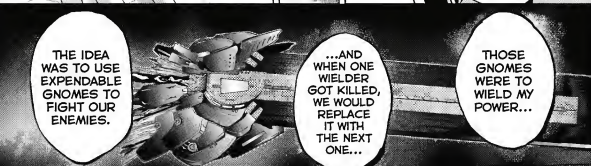
...

RRR



PROTECT  
IT...?

THIS IS MY  
HOME BASE.  
THAT'S ONLY  
NATURAL,  
ISN'T IT...?



THE IDEA  
WAS TO USE  
EXPENDABLE  
GNOMES TO  
FIGHT OUR  
ENEMIES.

...AND  
WHEN ONE  
WIELDER  
GOT KILLED,  
WE WOULD  
REPLACE  
IT WITH  
THE NEXT  
ONE...

THOSE  
GNOMES  
WERE TO  
WIELD MY  
POWER...



SNAP  
SNAP  
THERE'S  
NO TIME  
TO WASTE.  
I HAVE TO  
LOCATE  
A BETTER  
SERVANT.

YWIIP  
THERE'S  
NO  
REASON  
FOR US  
TO HANG  
AROUND  
HERE ANY  
LONGER.

WHAT I  
NEED IS A  
WARRIOR  
WHO LOVES  
TO KILL.

SLTHR  
SNAP  
YWIIP  
YWIIP  
YWIIP



BUT  
THE ONLY  
THING THOSE  
TWO PREPARED  
FOR ME WAS  
A SHODDILY  
BUILT MANOR  
HOUSE FULL  
OF A LOT OF  
USELESS  
SERVANTS!!

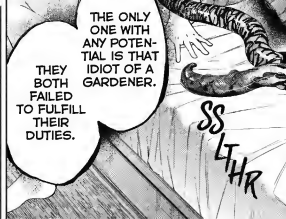


HAVE YOU  
FORGOT-  
TEN YOUR  
DUTY?!

THE  
REASON  
YOU RE-  
TURNED TO  
THIS  
WORLD?!

OR  
ARE YOU  
GIVING UP  
NOW THAT  
YOU'VE  
KILLED  
BEL...?

SLTHR  
SLTHR  
SLTHR



THE ONLY  
ONE WITH  
ANY POTEN-  
TIAL IS THAT  
IDIOT OF A  
GARDENER.

THEY  
BOTH  
FAILED TO  
FULFILL  
THEIR  
DUTIES.

SS  
SLTHR



**REVENGE  
!!**

**TO  
BRING  
THE  
HAMMER  
OF  
JUSTICE  
...**

**...DOWN  
UPON THE  
SCUM WHO  
BETRAYED  
ME!!**

SKREEE

RSSP RSSP RSSP

SKREEE

SKWEE SKREECH

RSSP  
RSSP







TAKE  
THIS,  
ROOKIE!

HUH?!

*That  
does  
it!*

MARIE  
?!

I'LL  
TEACH  
YOU  
WHO'S  
ON TOP  
IN THIS  
MANOR  
HOUSE!

WHAT?

WHAT'S  
GOING ON,  
ILLUMINA  
?!

*Leek!*

UH...  
WRDE...

COULD  
YOU  
PLEASE  
PUT  
SOME-  
THING—

WHO'S  
ON...  
TOP?

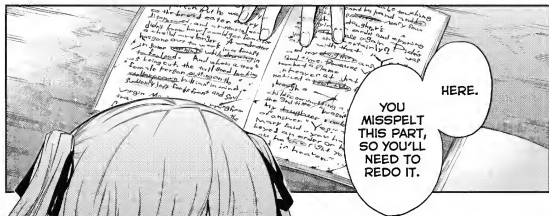
What  
...?

HM...

*grab*











I  
COULD  
TELL  
ISAAC  
ABOUT  
THIS  
SOME-  
DAY...

I  
WISH...





WHEN  
THIS  
BATTLE  
IS OVER  
AND...

...I'VE  
BEEN  
FREED  
FROM MY  
DEMON...



...I WANT  
TO TELL  
HIM HOW  
I'VE GROWN  
THIS  
MINIATURE  
GARDEN...

...A NEW  
WORLD OF  
MY OWN!





ISAAC.

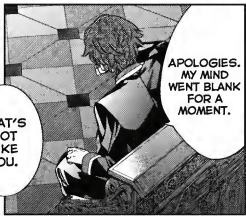
...AC.



...C.



THAT'S  
NOT LIKE  
YOU.



APOLOGIES.  
MY MIND  
WENT BLANK  
FOR A  
MOMENT.



HUH  
...?



I  
HAPPENED  
UPON AN  
OLD FRIEND  
AT THE  
ACADEMY  
YESTERDAY.

IT WAS  
PURE CO-  
INCIDENCE.  
QUITE A  
SURPRISE.

YOUR  
CHILDHOOD  
...?

I WAS...  
RECALLING  
THE DAYS  
OF MY  
CHILDHOOD.



AT THE  
ACADEMY  
YESTER-  
DAY,  
EH...?

COINC-  
DENCE  
...?



I NEVER  
IMAGINED  
I'D BE  
REUNITED  
WITH HIM  
HERE.

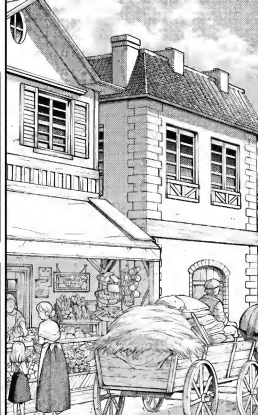
I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
TO SEE  
HIM AGAIN.



AWYN.

AWYN  
GLADIOLUS.

WHAT IS  
YOUR  
FRIEND'S  
NAME?







!!

EXCUSE  
ME...  
DO YOU  
WORK AT  
THE MANOR  
HOUSE ON  
THE HILL?



to  
nk

THIS  
IS MY  
NEPHEW.



I DO.

HM?

HAVE  
WE MET  
BEFORE?



OH? I  
DIDN'T  
KNOW YOU  
HAD A  
NEPHEW,  
MS. KANNA.

HE'S  
VISITING  
FROM A  
NEIGHBOR-  
ING  
VILLAGE.



to  
nk

HE'S  
GOT A  
TASK TO  
ACCOM-  
PLISH  
HERE.

MAKE  
HIM FEEL  
AT HOME,  
WOULD  
YOU?

To be continued...



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NEVER LOSE.





Continued  
in  
vol. 5!

I wanna  
be on the  
cover  
too...



**Next  
pose,  
please  
!**

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